

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

SISVEL INTERNATIONAL SA, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
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Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	Civil Action No. 3:19-CV-01694-N
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ZTE (USA) INC, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

**SCHEDULING ORDER (PATENT)**

Pursuant to Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules of this Court (“LR”), and the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan for the Northern District of Texas, and subject to the requirements of Miscellaneous Order No. 62 (“MO62”), the Court orders as follows:

1. Any motions for leave to join additional parties must be filed within 90 days of the date of this Order. Any motion for leave to amend pleadings under Rule 15(a) must be filed within 180 days of this Order. Any motion for leave to amend pleadings after that date must show good cause pursuant to Rule 16(b). The pendency of a Rule 12 motion to dismiss does not stay the case unless the Court explicitly so orders.

2. At least fifteen days before filing the joint claim construction statement required in MO62 ¶ 4-3, the parties shall conduct a preliminary mediation; all parties must attend the mediation in person; legal entities must provide a representative with full authority; if there is insurance per Rule 26(a)(1)(D), a representative with full authority must attend in person; the parties and mediator may by agreement waive the requirement

of attending in person; the parties may eliminate or delay mediation by agreement; and the parties should promptly advise the court if they are unable to agree on a mediator.

3. a. Discovery regarding claims of inequitable conduct and patent misuse shall be provided concurrently with that regarding invalidity pursuant to MO62 ¶¶ 3-3 through 3-7. A party may object to discovery requests directed toward claims of inequitable conduct and patent misuse (or may decline to provide information in its initial disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)) on the ground they are premature in light of the timetable provided in this Order and MO62.

b. Discovery regarding opposition to claims of invalidity, inequitable conduct, and patent misuse shall be provided within forty-five days of service of preliminary invalidity contentions pursuant to MO62 ¶ 3-3. A party may object to discovery requests directed toward oppositions to claims of invalidity, inequitable conduct and patent misuse (or may decline to provide information in its initial disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)) on the ground they are premature in light of the timetable provided in this Order and MO62.

c. Following initial disclosure of damage pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(C), discovery regarding damages is stayed until thirty days from the date the Court's claim construction ruling is filed.

d. Information regarding willfulness pursuant to MO62 ¶ 3-8 shall be provided within fifty days from the date the Court's claim construction ruling is filed.


4. To facilitate orderly preparation for trial, the Court has established an expedited discovery hearing docket on Monday afternoons. Any party may request

expedited hearing of a discovery dispute. Requests must be made by separate letter to the Court's Judicial Assistant, Donna Hocker, and must be received at least ten (10) days prior to the requested docket; requests may be made concurrently with filing the motion. If the matter is set on the expedited docket, the Court will advise the parties of applicable procedures by separate order. Seeking relief from the Court on discovery disputes prior to conducting a meaningful, substantive conference with the opposing party is **STRONGLY** discouraged. A motion or objection to the taking of a deposition that is filed within three business days of the notice has the effect of staying the deposition pending court order on the motion or objection; otherwise the deposition will not be stayed except by court order.

5. The Court may, by separate order, set a hearing on claim construction issues.

6. Following filing of the Court's ruling regarding claim construction, the Court will by separate Order set the case for trial and address any further pretrial scheduling issues.

Signed December 20, 2019.

  
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David C. Godbey  
United States District Judge